



**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**

**Public Meeting and Solicitation of Nominations for the National  
Sea Grant Advisory Board (Board)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR),  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),  
Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting and Notice of Solicitation for  
Nominations for the National Sea Grant Advisory Board.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda  
of a forthcoming meeting of the National Sea Grant Advisory  
Board (Board), a Federal Advisory Committee. Board members will  
discuss and provide advice on the National Sea Grant College  
Program (Sea Grant) in the areas of program evaluation,  
strategic planning, education and extension, science and  
technology programs, and other matters as described in the  
agenda found on the Sea Grant website. For more information on  
this Federal Advisory Committee please visit the Federal  
Advisory Committee database:

<https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/FACAPublicPage>. This notice  
also responds to the Sea Grant Program Improvement Act of 1976,  
which requires the Secretary of Commerce to solicit nominations  
at least once a year for membership on the National Sea Grant  
Advisory Board. To apply for membership to the Board, applicants  
should submit a current resume. A cover letter highlighting  
specific areas of expertise relevant to the purpose of the Board

is helpful, but not required. Nominations will be accepted by email. NOAA is an equal opportunity employer.

**DATES:** The announced meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Friday, November 5, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Eastern Time. There is no due date for nominations, however the program intends to begin reviewing applications to fill upcoming vacancies by January 31, 2022. Applications will be kept on file for consideration of any Board vacancy for a period of three years from January 31, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually only. For more information and for virtual access see below in the "Contact Information" section.

**STATUS:** The meeting will be open to public participation with a public comment period on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time. (Check agenda using the link in the "Matters to be Considered" section to confirm time.) The Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of three (3) minutes. Written comments should be received by Ms. Donna Brown by Monday, November 1, 2021 to provide sufficient time for Board review. Written comments received after the deadline will be distributed to the Board, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For any questions concerning the meeting, please contact Ms. Donna Brown, National Sea Grant College Program [Email: oar.sg-feedback@noaa.gov](mailto:oar.sg-feedback@noaa.gov). Phone Number: 301-257-5068. To attend via webinar, please R.S.V.P to Donna Brown (contact information above) by Monday, November 1, 2021.

**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:** The Board meeting is virtually accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Donna Brown by Monday, November 1, 2021.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board, which consists of a balanced representation from academia, industry, state government and citizens groups, was established in 1976 by Section 209 of the Sea Grant Improvement Act (Public Law 94-461, 33 U.S.C. 1128). The Board advises the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the National Sea Grant College Program with respect to operations under the Act, and such other matters as the Secretary refers to them for review and advice. Upon selection and agreement to serve on the National Sea Grant Advisory Board, you become a Special Government Employee (SGE) of the United States Government. According to 18 U.S.C. 202(a), an SGE is an officer or employee of an agency who is retained, designated, appointed, or employed to perform temporary duties, with or without compensation, not to exceed 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, either on a full time or intermittent basis. Please be aware that after the selection process is complete, applicants selected to serve on the Board

must complete the following actions before they can be appointed as a Board member:

- (a) Security Clearance (on-line Background Security Check process and fingerprinting), and other applicable forms, both conducted through NOAA Workforce Management; and
- (b) Confidential Financial Disclosure Report as an SGE, you are required to file a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report annually to avoid involvement in a real or apparent conflict of interest. You may find the Confidential Financial Disclosure Form at the following website.

[https://oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/OGE%20Forms/60739EAC38F5697785258363\\_005C02C9](https://oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/OGE%20Forms/60739EAC38F5697785258363_005C02C9).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Board members will discuss and vote on one decisional matter - replacing the Chair of Resilience and Social Justice Subcommittee.

<http://seagrant.noaa.gov/WhoWeAre/Leadership/NationalSeaGrantAdvisoryBoard/UpcomingAdvisoryBoardMeetings.aspx>

Dated: September 8, 2021.

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